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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/077,988	Applicant(s) CONNELLY ET AL.	
	Examiner Scott M. Getzow	Art Unit 3762	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 81 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are 12-25,30-34,38-56,65-86,88-91,97-111,115-120,124-138,142-145,150-185,187-253 and 255-266.

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims allowed are 12-25,30-34,38-56,65-80,82-86,88-91,97-111,115-120,124-138,142-145,150-185,187-253 and 255-266.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. Claim 81 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsitlik et al (5217010) in view of Wagshul et al (6501978).

Tsitlik teaches a shielded cardiac assist system including a control circuit and a plurality of electrical leads. Wagshul teaches the ability to detect the phase timing of MRI signals, and to alter operation of an appliance to avoid interference from the signals, see column 2, lines 24-67, and column 3 lines 30-45. It would have been obvious to have the ability to alter operations in high noise environments, as shown by Wagshul, with the device of Tsitlik since it would further protect the patient in case the shielding was insufficient.

2. Claim 81 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brownlee et al (4091818) in view of Tsitlik.

Brownlee teaches the ability to alter operation in high noise environments, see abstract. It would have been obvious to add the shielding 68 of Tsitlik to the housing of Brownlee in order to add a further protective layer in case a high noise environment compromises other operational modes of the implanted device.

Since new art has been applied, this action is not made final.

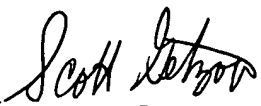
Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 12-25,30-34,38-56,65-80,82-86,88-91,97-111,115-120,124-138,142-145,150-185,187-253,255-266 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott M. Getzow whose telephone number is (571) 272-4946. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on (571) 272-4955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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